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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
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Tank and Assault Gun Industry of the USSR
CIA/RR PR-25, 27 February 1953

Railroad Transport Capabilities between the Soviet Frontier
and Western Europe
CIA/RR PR-31, 27 May 1953

It is not understood to be a part of the mission of this survey to investigate problems of interdepartmental cooperation and of the proper division of responsibility between the various agencies. These subjects, however, did come up from time to time in our discussions with several of the persons interviewed. Reports of such comments are included here for such consideration as may be appropriate.

4. The Department of the Army intelligence services recognize the need for broad general economic studies of the Soviet Bloc but they have no facilities for undertaking such work. They are confined very largely, in the economic area, to studies of specialized ground force material which they endeavor to relate the order of battle estimates. The persons interviewed expressed a strong desire for such general studies of major economic developments as a background for their more specialized intelligence activities.

5. In addition to the above I was also introduced, by Executive G-2, to Colonel G.B. Coverdale, Chief Collection and Dissemination, G-2, and Colonel T.M. Lerner, Assistant Chief; but the nature of their responsibilities proved to have no direct bearing upon present survey except as briefly noted above.

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